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- 1. ROK POLITICAL COUNSELOR YOO CHONG-HA CALLED ON IO/UNP DIRECTOR BAKER SEPTEMBER 10 TO RELATE LATEST ROKG THINKING ON PROSPECTS FOR SUCCESS OF UNGA RES ON APPLICATION FOR UN MEMBERSHIP. HE ALSO REVIEWED LIMA NAC DEVELOPMENTS.
- 2. YOO SAID THAT 50 COUNTRIES HAD BEEN IDENTIFIED AS FIRM SUPPORTERS OF AN UNGA RESOLUTION CALLING FOR SC CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF ROK MEMBERSHIP IN THE UN. ROK MISSIONS HAVE BEEN INSTRUCTED TO SEEK FIRM SUPPORT OF TWENTY ADDITIONAL COUNTRIES AND REPORTS WILL BE COMING IN SOON. IF ABOUT 70 COMMITMENTS OBTAINED, YOO SAID, ROKG WOULD THEN ADVOCATE UNGA RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING SC ACTION ON ROK MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AT TIME OF ANTICIPATED MOVE BY VIETNAMS' SUPPORTERS

FOR SIMILAR RESOLUTION. YOO SAID UNLESS ROKG REASONABLY CONFIDENT THAT 70 COUNTRIES WILL SUPPORT IT, IT WILL NOT TAKE RISK OF ANOTHER FAILURE FOLLOWING THE SC REJECTION OF ITS EARLY AUGUST APPLICATION AND THE LIMA NAC DISAPPOINTMENT.

- 3. WHILE A DISAPPOINTMENT, THE ROK DEFEAT AT LIMA WOULD HAVE HAD GRAVER CONSEQUENCES IF THE ROKG HAD NOT TRIED TO JOIN THE NAC. ACCORDING TO YOO. TWENTY-THREE COUNTRIES SPOKE OUT ON BEHALF OF ROK IN DIFFERENT FORA AT LIMA: ANOTHER TWENTY, YOO STATED, IDENTIFIED THEMSELVES AT THE CONFERENCE AS SUPPORTERS BUT PREFERRED NOT TO SPEAK OUT. YOO EXPLAINED THAT ROK TACTIC WAS NOT TO BLOCK NORTH KOREAN MEMBERSHIP BUT TO PRESS FOR DUAL MEMBERSHIP. THUS, OF THE ROK SUPPORTERS AT TIME OF LIMA PLENARY CONSENSUS DECISION ON MEMBERSHIP, NONE WAS ASKED TO OPPOSE NORTH KOREAN BID. HENCE, WHEN PLENARY CHAIRMAN ASKED IF THERE WERE OBJECTIONS TO NORTH KOREAN BID, SILENCE REIGNED. WHEN SAME OUESTION WAS ASKED OF SOUTH KOREA'S BID. LOUD OBJECTIONS WERE VOICED. YOO ALSO MENTIONED THAT MADAME BINH OF PRG OF SOUTH VIETNAM THREATENED TO WALK OUT IF SOUTH KOREA WERE ADMITTED CITING IN DETAIL SOUTH KOREAN ARMY EXCESSES AGAINST THE VIETNAMESE PEOPLE. THREE OR FOUR OTHER DELEGATIONS, YOO SAID. ALSO THREATENED TO JOIN THE PRG IN THIS ACTION.
- 4. FINALLY, YOO ASKED FOR USG SUPPORT IN SEEKING FAVORABLE MODIFICATION OF THE POSITIONS HELD BY SEVERAL COUNTRIES (EGYPT, BAHAMAS, NIGERIA, UAE, KUWAIT AND PERU) ON THE KOREAN SUBSTANTIVE QUESTION IN THE UN. SEPTELS FOLLOW WITH SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS. KISSINGER

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